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5 Ixia, fine spikes of exquisite, showy bloom. 10 Oxalis, very fine, mixed, free-blooming Oxalis. 5 Allium luteum, fine yellow-flamed garden flower.

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5 Anemonic coronaria, single, large Poppy-like flws
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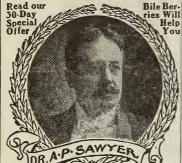
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THE MISER.

The man was deaf, though well he heard The clink of gold on gold, I know, For him no sound of waking bird, For him no river's rythmic flow. And blind as well, since thus one grows, Who sees but figures day by day, He never watched an opening rose, He never loved a Cypress spray. Aye, he was dead, while yet he trod, The paths joy-filled to other men, Knowing not love, nor trust, nor God, Having no hope to live again.

Bradford Co., Pa., April 12, '06. Lalia Mitchell.

THE PERSIAN CYCLAMEN.

BELONGING to the Primrose family we have the genus Cyclamen, which embraces about a dozen species, found mostly in Southern Europe and Western Asia. Some of them are hardy, and desirable for sheltered beds in the garden, but the most beautiful and popular of the species is Cyclamen Persicum. Plants of this species grow wild in Greece, in the Isle of Cypress, and in Palestine, but the

florist has, by selection and thorough cultivation, effected a wonderful improvement upon the type, and today the flowers are not only of great size, but of many distinct and beautiful colors, while a new race bears flowers ruffled and fluted and tinted in a striking and attractive manner. The older varieties are very freeblooming, and by some are preferred to the recently introduced giant sorts, which, while the flowers are larger, they are not so freely pro-All, however, duced. are excellent winter-

are excellent winterblooming plants, valuable alike for their
foliage and flowers, and do well under ordinary window culture.

The plants are propagated from seeds, and come almost true, if carefully saved. The seeds are of good size—as large as those of the Garden Balsam, and almost

every seed will start if fairly treated. Sow them in light, porous soil, such as a mixture of leaf mould and sand, covering about one-fourth of an inch in depth. Keep moist but not wet, and do not expect the plants to appear for about a month. Germination takes place sooner, but the little root thrown out takes time to form a tiny tuber before the leaves are pushed above the soil. You must, therefore, exercise some patience after sowing, in order to meet with success in starting the plants.

The time to sow seeds of Cyclamen Persicum is during the Autumn. The method of culture that produces the finest plants and flowers is continuous culture. The seeds are sown in the Autumn, as stated, and the plants are kept growing until they bloom, which is in from fifteen to eighteen months. They are not rested but are given a shift into larger pots as soon as the roots begin to crowd. By this means the growth is continuous until blooming time, when the plants will be occupying six-inch pots, and may be allowed to develop buds

and flowers. Sown in early September the plants may be brought into bloom about the holidays of the second winter. Sown later they will bloom later. Throughout the growing period, however, from the tiny seedling till the plant is fullgrown and covered with bloom, watering, and hifting, and other needed care must not be neglected. If not kept in a growing condition the plants will become stunted, and may not bloom for two years, if at all.

CYCLAMEN. The tubers should always be grown with the crown projecting above the soil. Provide good drainage, and use a soil composed of fibrous loam, leaf-mould and sand. Avoid strong manure. Water regularly and rather liberally while growth is active. In summer the pots are mostly placed in a frame in



THE PERSIAN CYCLAMEN

the open, and the plants shaded during the heat of the day. In the house keep near to the glass, to prevent the foliage from becoming drawn or slender. A temperature ranging from 55° to 70° is suitable for the plants when in bloom, and the atmosphere should be kept moist by the evaporation of water. Syringe in the afternoons and shade in bright weather.

the green fly attacks the foliage sprinkle the foliage with tobacco dust, or fumigate. If troubled with the red spider dip the foliage in soap suds, then in a little while in pure water. If regularly syringed, however, the plants are not liable to injury by pests. Although the finest Cyclamen are seedling plants blooming for the first time, a creditable display of flowers may be obtained the second season, by resting the plants for a period, then treating as before. After the second year most growers discard the plants, and occupy the space with a new lot of seedlings.

CEMETERY BULBS.

*HE old-fashioned Madonna Lily, which throws up a tall stem bearing five or more pure white, deliciously scented flowers is excellent for the Cemetery. It is entirely hardy, and will live and bloom for years if given a little care each year. A hardy, showy white flower that will take care of itself when once planted is Leucojum æstivum. It increases and forms a fine clump, even when encroached by Blooming earlier and equally hardy and tenacious is the white bottle," Muscari botryoides alba. the same time the lovely white blooms of the hardy Poets Narcissus appear. is valuable for the cemetery also. A fleshyrooted hardy plant, tenacious and showy, and that keeps green all winter, is Yucca filamentosa. In summer it throws up a big stalk bearing hundreds of chaste-white drooping flowers. All these plants may be planted at any time before the ground freezes up. They require no protection in winter, and are sure to live, grow and bloom.

Rusty Rambler Roses.—A subscriber at Everett, Mass., writes under date of June 24, 1906:

Mr. Editor:—I have two Rambler Roses, the leaves of which are turning rusty. I find no insects. What is the matter,—J. B. R.

It is possible the foliage is infested with the pest known as red spider, a diminutive mite that is really more often greenish gray than red. It spins a very fine web upon the under side of the leaves, and lives upon the juices until the leaves dry, turn brown and drop off. When badly affected the foliage cannot be saved; but a light attack can be overcome by syringing often with soap-suds with a little kerosene added. This pest mostly appears in dry weather.

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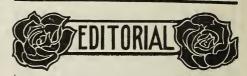
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WINTERING CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

LL of the Indian or Autumn-blooming Chrysanthemums may be kept over winter out-doors even in our Northern States, if a board frame is placed around the bed, and some dense, leafless brush thrown over the plants after the ground freezes up for the winter. Many are hardy without this protection, but it is generally better to supply it than to run the risk of losing the plants. In this connection it may also be noted that all of the lateblooming Chrysanthemums will make a fine display in the open ground if a clothcovered frame is placed over the bed during cold, wet autumn weather or frosty nights. The greater and more lasting beauty of the flower fully repays for such protection.

Narcissus After Forcing. - After a Narcissus bulb has been forced to bloom in the house in winter let it dry off when its foliage begins to fade, and keep the pot in a cool cellar till in October, then bed the bulb out where it can take care of itself. It will hardly pay to care for a forced bulb as a pot plant afterwards. Get fresh, strong bulbs for window culture. The better satfaction they give will more than repay the cost of new, choice bulbs.

THE ROSE BED.

THE CROWN BUD.

SUNNY exposure with some protection from the north and west winds, as a wall or fence, is the best place for the rose bed. The soil should be spaded up deep, well enriched with cow manure, and if very tenacious should have a liberal dressing of sand, thoroughly incorporated. The plants should be obtained and set in spring or early summer, and during the heat of summer the bed should be given a top dressing of well-decayed stable manure. In the north a board frame with some dense brush (without leaves) thrown over will be found good protection. If more protection is needed place a large pailful of coal ashes around each bush, before applying the brush. In spring, after danger from frosts is past, remove the frame and the ashes, and cut away any frost-nipped branches. You will soon be rewarded by a fine growth of branches with buds and flowers.

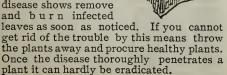
Oxalis roots.—When certain species of

Oxalis roots are dug in the fall you will find large, tapering roots, in form not unlike a parsnip, but of course smaller and of a peculiar white color. Clustered about the crown is a great number of bulbs varying in size. The general ap-pearance of the varied roots is shown in the engraving, which represents a root of Oxalis tetraphylla in autumn. The strength of the tuber is eventually given to the bulbs, and the tuber dries

up, while the bulbs separate, and are ready to form new plants. Other species have peculiar tuberous roots tapering from the crown to a thick base. Others have All Oxalis propagate readily fibrous roots. and are of easy culture.

Blistered Geranium Leaves.-Ivyleaved Geraniums are liable to the attack of a fungus which blisters the leaves and

them to causes brown and die. There is no sure remedy. Flowers of sulphur stirred into the soil may be beneficial in avoiding an attack, but when the disease shows remove



HE crown bud of a Chrysanthemum plant is the large bud which terminates a branch. In Chrysanthemum culture plants are sometimes grown as a single stem, the side branches and all the buds but the terminal one being removed. This treatment encourages the growth and development of large leaves and enormous Sometimes a plant is allowed to develop from two to five or more branches with a crown bud on each, the side buds being removed as soon as formed. method results in large and handsome flowers, giving the plant a gorgeous appearance. Large pots of rich soil, constant and liberal watering, occasionally using a liquid fertilizer, and allowing only the development of the crown buds insures success with these popular autumn flowers.

Small Gourds .- Many of the small

fancy gourds are very useful for a trellis, being handsome in foliage, flower and fruit. They are mostly graceful in foliage, and the flowers and fruit are showy, and produced in great abundance. The fruits being rich-ly and curiously colored are valuable as toys for children during the long winter months. The little engraving shows a trellis covered with one of these gourd vines.

Two Sowings .- A correspondent suggests that it is a good plan to make two sowings of such annuals as Balsam, Phlox, Portulaca, Poppy and Larkspur, allowing an interval of three or four weeks. Plants of the second sowing will begin to bloom about the time the earlier plants have exhausted their energy, and can be given their room, thus affording a continued bloom. The suggestion is worth considering.

For a Northern Exposure.—For a permanent bed on the north side of the house plant Saxifraga peltata, Iris, Hemerocallis in sorts, Day Lilies (Funkias), Hydrangea paniculata, Kerria Japonica and some per-ennial Phloxes. If a vine is wanted for that side of the house use Clematis paniculata, Akebia quinata, or Aristolochia sypho. All of these plants are hardy, and as they bloom at various seasons a succession of flowers will be assured.

Ice Plant.—The Ice Plant is easily grown from seeds. Give it a rather sunny bed of sandy soil, and avoid crowding and too much moisture. The plant is succulent, and gets much of its nourishment from the air. Failures with this plant are mostly due to a strong, tenacious soil, liberal watering, and crowding or lack of ventilation.

EDITORIAL LETTER.



EAR FLORAL FRIENDS:-Here in Pennsylvania the frost has made such havoc that at this time (Nov. 5th.) Pansies and Chrysanthemums

are almost the only flowers found in the garden, and Ox-eye Daisies, Dandelions and belated Asters the only wildlings. The Hamamelis, among wild shrubs, shows its peculiar yellow blooms, and the buds of Dogwood, Hazel, Alder, etc., ready to develop next spring, are now to be seen. More conspicuous, however, are the remains of the plants that beautified the wayside and waste places during the delightful summer that is past and gone.

As I came down the path by the mill-race this lovely autumn morning I noticed a bushy plant with some slender green leaves, leaning over the water, and every little branch was tipped with a feathery

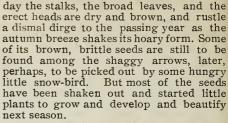
white tuft. Do you ask what it was? Just the little Willow Aster which I referred to in my letter last month. The flowers were gone, and the little fluffy white balls were the heads of seeds with the tufts of hoary down attached to the seeds. I could not but admire the plant as

it swayed in the gentle WILLOW ASTER. breeze, and reflected its image in the clear water below. Ere long some of these tiny

seeds with their pretty white brushes will drop upon the bank, some will blow to other parts, and some will be carried by the water to banks far distant. Thus Nature provides for the replenishing and beautifying

of the earth.

Nearby were the remains of a big clump of the elegant Wild Rye, Elymus Virginicus. All summer long this stately grass, with its strong stalks clothed with broad leaves, was a daily object of interest. I saw it develop, day by day, from the tiny plantlet until it perfected its long, bushy heads of rye, three feet or more above the ground. How gracefully it waved its soft, bushy heads above its mass of showy green foliage, apparently defying its more humble companions that grew in its shade. To-



Further on is the Alder bush by th water's edge, the leaves all gone, but the buds for next season showing prominently, and the clusters of reddish-black seed-cones developed the past season giving the bush a spotted appearance. I recall the beauty of this bush as I passed it when in foliage, the leaves prominently feather-veined and

slightly ridged, and the cones green and compact. No insect troubles it, and it defies the summer's sun and winter's cold. Early in spring it will show its new seed cones, and expand its graceful, ribbed leaves. Even now the embryo flowers show at the tips of the branches, ready to respond to the sunshine and showers of March and April.

By the Alder is a tall, dry stem with a big cluster of seed-pods at the top. It stands stiff and erect, holding a few dry, black leaves which droop close to the stalk,



Big cluster of

and have almost lost their form. The seed-vessels have split into four parts, each recurved at the tip, and most of the little brown seeds have been scattered. A few, however, shake out when inverted over the hand. This is the common Oenothera biennis, or Evening Primrose. The seed-pods." flowers are perhaps an

inch and a half across, of a lovely yellow, and open in the evening. It is a biennial, the plants blooming and dying the next season. A well-developed plant is really handsome, but not so attractive as Oenothera Lamarckiana, its garden relative, which bears flowers four inches in diameters and blooms from the property throughout the ter, and blooms freely throughout the summer.

But what is this big branching plant with trunk and branches of a rich crimson color, clustered with seed-pods clinging close, and showing rich yellow seeds when A long raceme of dried calyxes, rubbed. where the dark red berries were held, would indicate that it is what is commonly called 'Poke-berry,'' Phytolacca decandra, and such it is. It grew to be a handsome bush, admired for its robust growth, its rich-colored stems, its pretty foliage and white



flower-clusters, and its load of showy, red fruit. But that was not all. During the summer a little yellow-stemmed vine climbed up the strong crimson trunk, fast-

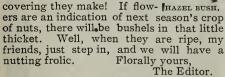


ened itself, branched into numerous thread-like branches--all without foliage. The tangle of yellow stems against the crimson made an elegant combination. and many

persons no-POKE BERRY. ticed it and praised its beauty. As autumn approached the yellow stems became a mass of white flower clusters, and these soon developed into seeds, such as you notice investing the plant to-day. But where are the roots of the peculiar vine? Why, it has none. The little seed with some embryo rootlets supplied it until it reached its host, then they became useless and died. It is a parasite, and draws its nourishment from the plant to which it attaches. This plant grows freely along rivers and streams, and often appears as a mass of golden yellow. It is called Dodder, and is known in botany as Cuscuta tenuifolia.

But here is the big group of Hazel bushes near the end of the path. They were a dense thicket of stems and rich green foliage throughout the season, and in autumn the tufts of pretty brown nuts with their

leafy covering were attractive to older persons as well as the small boys. But just look at Denuded of the bushes now. foliage they display the home of a pair of little birds which hopped from twig to twig and sang so sweetly to me as I passed each day. Nor is that all. Just see how each little twig is set with the embryo, worm-like, drooping flowers. What a neat and ornamental



LaPark, Pa., Nov. 5, 1906.

Potted Parsley.—A plant of Curled Parsley makes a handsome table decoration. The rich green mossy foliage is exquisite. A garden plant can be lifted and potted at any time when the ground is not frozen.

THE BELLWORT.

SUBSCRIBER from New York State sends the editor a pressed specimen of a little spray to be named. stem is slender, bearing graceful leaves,

and tipped with a pretty yellow, drooping flower, which appears in the spring. It is U v u laria grandiflora, generally known as the Largeflowered Bellwort. It belongs to the Lily family, and has parallel-veined leaves, perfoliate



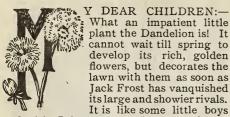
BELLWORT. near the base. The flowers are from an inch to an inch and a half long, lemon yellow in color, and succeeded by an obtusely three-angled truncate capsule. It is found in rich, moist woods from Quebec to Minnesota, and south to Georgia. There are half a dozen recognized species, but the U. grandiflora is the handsomest of the lot. The spray mentioned is represented in the engraving.

Pests.-Mrs. Albright, of Pennsylvania, complains of pests-black flies, white worms, red spider and scale. They trouble her Geraniums, Lemon and Ferns, and are causing much injury. If she should get a good syringe and use it freely, dashing simply cold water upon the foliage at different angles once a week the pests would not become troublesome. Chopped tobacco stems placed upon the soil in the pots will stimulate growth and at the same time keep the Aphis away. Syringe with soap-suds to which is added a little kerosine, to eradicate the spider. Scrape off old scale insects and syringe with the suds or sponge the trunk and affected parts. Fern leaves badly infested with scale should be cut close to the ground and burned. New, healthy fronds will soon take their place. Water freely with almost scalding hot water to bring up. the white worms, then destroy them.

German Iris .- There are many lovely varieties of German Iris, some with white, slightly tinted flowers, others with purple, dark blue, light blue, pale pink, yellow, vellow with dark reticulated falls, variegated, etc. They are all hardy and beautiful, and once planted will take care of The white Florentine Iris, themselves. the flowers of which show a faint tinge of lavender, is espécially recommended for cemetery planting.

One-leaved Tulips.—The Tulips that show but one leaf are too small to bloom. Under favorable conditions, however, they will develop in two or three years until they become of blooming size.

THE CHILDREN'S LETTER.



and girls I have seen-always anxiously impatient to see or hear or taste or know something that appears promising to them. But perhaps this little plant, so often despised and undervalued, is simply trying to fulfill its mission—that of making the earth brighter and happier and better as a human abode. All summer, while the Phloxes and Petunias and their garden companions were flaunting their colors and exhaling their fragrance, the little Dandelion, in its humble place by the roadside or in the meadow pasture, slumbered and slept. You would hardly have known where to find it. But when the chilling breath of approaching winter withered the summer bloom it awakened the dormant energies of the

Dandelion, and soon the baby buds began to peep above the soil, growing big-"Baby buds began to peep." ger day by day until the full-blown, showy golden flower enriched its grassy home, and revealed its latent beauty. Then other buds open, and still others, until we have the grass-plot bedecked with the bright golden buttons, as may be seen on this

fine November day.

But dear children, did you ever stop to think what a useful little plant the Dandelion is? Mostly it is looked upon as an insignificant weed, and thought of only as a nuisance. How unkind and unjust it is to so regard it! If it were removed from our land would we not miss it? Would we not

long for its cheerful greeting in late Autumn and early Spring, and think of the happiness it brought to our life in the playdays of youth? Yes, the charming "rosette of green leaves, each leaf a model of artistic beauty, with the fat little

"Look at us!" buds pushing up through the centre, supported by a rosy semi-transparent stem, all so life-like that you almost hear them say "Look at us! We are coming to brighten your pathway and make you happy." And how much brightness and happiness and joy they do bring! We pluck the little flower and examine it. It seems almost

perfect. Every petal is of delicate texture, of faultless form, of charming color, and has its particular place in the make-up of the flower. We see that the All Wise Hand fashioned it with the same care and precision that he gave to the Lily or the

Orchid, while the icy fingers of old Jack Frost, that would blast the petals of the Lily or Orchid have no effect upon this humble more flower. For many days it cheers those who pass, until at last the

"For several days these can-golden rays dles appear." drop and the delicate, fluffy seed-appendages stand out in a halo that appears as rays from a lighted candle. For several days these "candles" appear, till finally a whiff of the fragrant spring breeze lifts the ripened seeds from their tiny holding, and carries them, like a balloon, far, far away, there to make new

homes for themse 1 v e s and brighten and beautify other lands.

"Carries them * * far, far away."

Isn't that all beautiful? But let me tell you more. Early in the spring, while the new, tender leaves are

pushing out, I often see little boys and girls and their mothers go out to where the Dandelion grows thickest, taking with them a knife and basket. In a little while they come back with a basketful of the They call them "greens." leaves.

home the leaves are sorted, washed boiled till tender, when they are dressed with vinegar and placed upon the dinner-table.

"Greens," Some people are very fond of this dish, and claim that such greens are very healthful, as well

as appetizing. Not only are the flowers and leaves of the Dandelion handsome and valuable, but the roots, used in medicine, have been the means of restoring to health innumerable hosts of invalids both in Europe and America. The roots are dug in the fall, dried, and the medical properties extracted for use, or the dried roots are steeped in hot water and used in the form of a tea. It is found to have a specific action upon the liver and digestive organs, restoring them to health when deranged, and giving tone strength to the entire system. Germany this medicine is largely used by physicians in their practice, "Roots."



and in America, too, it is frequently prescribed. In cases of languor or undue drowsiness, indicating lethargy of the liver, Dandelion tea is found peculiarly effective, and is often used in rural districts, where access to the medical profession is difficult. So valuable are the roots that those who gather them for commerce often adulterate them with roots of Chicory and Aspargia, which are similar in appearance and general taste.

During the Civil War, when imported coffee sold at from fifty to seventy-five cents a pound, many people acquired the



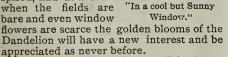
habit of drinking "Dandelion Coffee." This was made by digging and drying the roots of Dandelion during the autumn months, then roasting them to a crisp, grinding and steeping. The drink Dandelion Coffee. was found healthful as

well as invigorating, and the taste once acquired, made it a formidable rival of the To this day many who used true coffee. the substitute in war times prefer it to the drink made from the imported coffee of

the tropics.

The Dandelion is mostly known in Botany as Taraxacum Dens-leonis (Desf.) though the great Botanist, Linnæus, named it Leontodon Taraxacum. We are told that the common name of the plant, Dandelion, "was derived from the fancied resemblance of its leaves to the teeth of a lion." It is found in Asia and all parts of the civilized world, and is variously known as Blowball, Lion's-tooth, Cankerwort, Milk Witch or Yellow Gowan, Irish Daisy, Monk's Head, Priest's Crown, Puff-ball, etc. If you will examine a strong plant at

this time of year you find numerous little buds formed ready to develop in early spring. Such plants, if carefully lifted and kept in a cool but sunny window, will show their bright flowers during the winter. Their beauty is not to be despised, and at a time when the fields are bare and even window



Sincerely your Friend, Nov. 3rd, 1906. The Editor.

Wintering Hydrangea Hortensis.-The well-known and beautiful Hydrangea hortensis is easily wintered in a frost-proof room or well-ventilated cellar. Water sparingly—merely enough to keep the soil from drying out.

PERENNIAL PHLOX.

ESERVING a place in every door-yard, are the choice varieties of hardy perennial Phlox; and in large grounds they should be used in groups and hedges in great abundance. A dense row of the brilliant Boule de Feu becomes a gorgeous mass of flame-colored flowers during the Summer and early Autumn, and is so attractive that it shows effectively at a great distance. Its companion, in white, Boule de Niege, is equally useful, and when the two are grouped together the flower-display is all that could be desired. Many other

varieties are just as handsome and deserving of cul-

Plants of Perennial Phlox may be readily raised by sowing the seeds in the Autumn, soon after they have ripened. The seeds will lie dormant till Spring, then germinate, and form handsome plants during the season.



When sown in the Spring the seeds are tardy in germinating, and often the plants will not appear for several months after sowing. Increase may also be effected by division of the roots and by cuttings, the latter being the most rapid. The little engraving fairly represents a clump of Perennial Phlox in full bloom.

Jasminum Graeillinum.—This is one the most easily grown of Jasmines, and of the most easily grown of one of the most beautiful. The flowers are pure white, in fine clusters, and deliciously scented. It likes plenty of pot room, and can be trained either as a vine or a standard plant. In either way, however, it will not bloom freely till it has attained considerable size, and is several years old. It is a good plant to bed in the conservatory at the North, or to plant out-doors at the South. It thrives in almost any rich soil, but prefers soil of a tenacious character, Easily propagated from cuttings.

Fall-sown Seeds.—Seeds of the Wild Cucumber (Echinocystis lobata), Sweet Violet (Viola odorata), Burning Bush (Dictamnus fraxinella), Barberry (Berberis), and many of the Shrubs germinate early in spring if sown late in the fall. Wild Cucumber should be sown where you wish vines. as they are retarded by transplanting.

LABURNUM VULGARE.

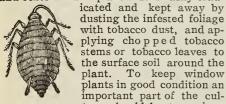
BEAUTIFUL spring-blooming shrub belonging to the Leguminous family is Laburnum vulgare, commonly known as Golden Chain. It was introduced in 1596 from Southern Europe, and since that time has given rise to many handsome varieties, which are known under various names, Carlieri, Folis

aureus, etc. Under favorable conditions it becomes a small tree, reaching the height of twenty feet, and making a fine appearance when in bloom, the flowers being of a lovely yellow color, and borne in long, drooping racemes. The flowers are succeeded by hairy seed-pods, and the fresh-ripenened seeds able the gardener to quickly increase his stock of plants.

When first described it was named Cytisus laburnum, but it was afterwards placed in another order. The first name, however, has been retained in many books and catalogues, and hence the shrub is known under these various names. It is hardy, will grow in almost any soil or situation, and deserves to be better known. Its best effect is produced by grouping the plants, rather than by promiscuous plant-

ing.

Remedy for Pests .- The green fly or Aphis is the most troublesome pest of Roses and other window plants. It is easily eradicated and kept away by



ture should be to syringe them at least once a week. This not only removes dust, but makes it almost impossible for pests to live and flourish.

Angle Worms.-When the soil in pots contains Angle Worms let it become rather dry, then apply a liberal amount of limewater to the soil. This will bring the worms to the surface, when they can be removed. This remedy is simple, but always effective.

Raphia.—This material is not used in grafting, but is very generally used in budding to wrap the stock below and above the bud after it is set. The same material is now much used in fancy work, being dyed in many pleasing and attractive shades.

ALLIUM MOLY.

HE little cluster of bloom shown in the sketch was sent to be named. The The flowers were bright yellow, and

the stem had the pronounced odor that indicated its name - Allium or Onion. There are a number of cultivated species of Allium, but the hardy species named above is the most handsome and desirable of them. A



single bulb will soon become a clump, and the mass of golden umbels in springtime is quite attractive. In Europe it is used to naturalize in by-ways, as the plants will take care of themselves. The same could be done in this country. Its odor when handled precludes its use as a cut flower.

Lupinus polyphyllus.—One of the beautiful but neglected subjects among hardy herbaceous perennials is Lupinus polyphyllus. The foliage is odd and handsome, and the various-colored flowers are borne in great spikes, are of delicate texture, and are abundantly produced during early sum-The plants are readily started from seeds, and if growth is progressive the plants will bloom the second year, and improve in beauty for several years. They like a sandy, well-drained soil and partial shade. In a severe climate it is well to give some protection over winter when the plants are young, as

they are liable to suffer from alternate freezing and thawing. Older plants, however, are generally regarded as entirely

Adlumia for Winter .- Adlumia started in the spring and grown in a plunged pot till autumn can be used as a cool room decoration in a north window. It may start to vine toward April, but its chief beauty in the window consists in its lovely, light green, Adiantum-like foliage, of which it forms an elegant potful. A deep, sixinch pot of light, porous soil should be used. Avoid a hot, dry atmosphere and direct sunshine. The plant thrives best in a place where the sun will not reach it.

Spotted Callas.—When plants of Spotted Calla fail to bloom, dry off the tubers in the fall and bed out in a rather sunny place next season, mulching well during the heated term. Thus treated they rarely fail to bloom. Non-blooming is due to unripened bulbs.

GREENHOUSE IN A DRY GOODS BOX.

'HE first winter in an Oklahoma town, having no place to care for my flowers, I selected a large drygoods box, in which I had three stout shelves made, and a sloping framework fitted on top. To this a glass window sash was hinged. It was then sunk into the ground within four inches of the top. The earth was banked all around so as to drain off all surface water. The top shelf was six inches wide, and the others each wider than the one above. By this means alleplants had a share of sunlight and could be easily got at. The lower shelves extending under the others afforded space for things that did not require much sun-On the bottom of the box itself tender bulbs found a place, Cannas, Amaryllis, etc. The number and variety of plants which I kept in that little five-footsquare pit was remarkable. Everything did well too; I did not lose a single plant. Being always damp very little watering was necessary, or in fact any other attention except to cover with an old comfort in real cold weather. I was very proud of my little "greenhouse in a dry goods box." No one else in the neighborhood having any pot plants made mine the more appre-Mrs. M. J. Ross. ciated.

Pattawatomie Co., Okla., Jan. 1905.

Begonia Culture.—Through the loss of many fine Begonias I have at last learned three things in regard to their culture. used to give a soil of nothing but wood's earth, and find that a goodly admixture of sand to the earth from under old trees or stumps suits them better. Second, do not drown them, as by nature they are watery themselves, and do not require a flood. Third, do not over-pot. A large Begonia will grow thriftily in a pot that an inexperienced person would certainly say was too small for it. I have a Begonia Ricinifolia in a four-inch pot that has leaves eight inches from tip to tip, and two flower stalks, one of which measures twenty-one inches to its lovely pink shower of bloom. It has never had a particle of fertilizer.

Knox Co., O. Mrs. H. A. Lowden.

Begonia Manicata aurea. -- I have two fine specimens of this Begonia, and what a magnificent show they do make, as the foliage is beautiful and creates such a gorgeous effect. It is impossible to find two leaves with the same markings. I seldom see this begonia recommended, or in a plant collection, except my own. If I could own but one plant it certainly would be a Manicata aurea, as it is a most desirable and ornamental Begonia.

Linnie Slade. Jefferson Co., Ill., Sept. 12, 1906.

TOBACCO AS A FERTILIZER.

HAVE been gardening for over thirty years and have tried every kind of fertilizer on my flowers and vegetables. For nearly fifteen years I have been using tobacco stems. And after all my experience, I find that there is nothing more satisfactory than the tobacco stems. I have tried them on Corn, Ricinus, Roses, Geraniums, Sweet Alyssum, Lilies, everything large and small. I have tried guano, highly ammoniated super phosphate, bone dust, nitrate of soda, and stable and dairy manures, and the most satisfactory results of all have come from the tobacco stems.

They soften the hardest red clay; they brighten plants on the richest spots; they keep the ground moist through long droughts, and furnish both humus and fertilizer to the soil. They never fire and you could not put on too much. Their use will produce that peace that passeth all understanding. Charles K. Maddox.

Fulton Co., Ga., July 3, 1909.

[Note.—A top dressing of chopped tobacco stems not only enriches the ground, but it will prevent an attack of green fly and other insects. It is a material of which the up-to-date gardener should not fail to have a supply.—ED.]

Dahlia Hedges.—Last year I raised a number of varieties of Dahlias, each from one tuber. They grew large clumps, which were not disturbed until spring, when they had sprouted. We can do that in California. In the East it is best to start them in sand in the house in March, and separate them after they sprout. I made a hedge fifty feet long of a scarlet show Dahlia, and back of it planted a yellow decorative Dahlia, very tall and very large. You should see the crowds who pass to look at that hedge. In another part of the grounds I put the beautiful pink Livonia Dahlia beside a deep Maroon, and the result is something rich. A pale lavender and a heliotrope color are harmonious. Another year I intend to have some pink and white ones in a bed together. Dahlias do splendidly in California, blooming from May until Georgina S. Townsend. November.

Los Angeles Co., Cal.

Treatment of Azaleas .- I have had one Azalea for eight years and one for three years, and they never fail to bloom every year. I will tell you how I threat them. After the plant is through blooming there always remains a little dried seed-pod for every flower. Do not let them remain on the plant, but pinch them off close and you will notice, in a short time, three or four new shoots will appear on the branches in the place of the dried pods. In the spring, plunge the plant in the garden, and water every day. In the fall you will have a fine, healthy, budded plant to take in the house. Mrs. Chas. C. Cromwell.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1906.

THOSE FLOWER BEGGARS.

ESSIE PUTNAM, in her "Thorns," has struck a sympathetic chord in my heart. I am a great lover of flowers, and I love to give them. I just watch out for chances where I can make a bright spot for some one with a gift of flowers. But, I want to give them myself. I don't want to be "held up" and made to save money

for some one else.

This spring I had a perfectly lovely bed of Tulips. Now, we all know that we pay just so much per bulb for Tulips, and each bloom represents just such a price. Besides, we have a sort of a stingy feeling about spoiling the appearance of our beds by thinning out the blooms. As it happened, on a fine Sunday afternoon, quite a crowd of acquaintances, and several of their acquaintances that we had never before met, came in. They were all people from flat houses, who do not or can not, or both, raise flowers. Now, my husband is extremely fond of flowers, and takes a a real boyish delight in our yard, so while I was detained inside in dealing out fruit and cookies to some of the visitors' children, he took them to see the garden and flower beds.

When I came out everyone of the fifteen was decorated with her choice of the finest Tulips. My husband said: "I'm afraid we have robbed your bed, Maudie, but they

admired your Tulips."

The rest of the story I saw in the dear eyes. So I tried to smile my best, and say:

Yes, certainly, glad they like them."
But perhaps I should be ashamed to say that for a bad half minute I felt just like digging that stripped bed up and throwing the bulbs into the street.

When they were gone the dear boy said "It has just ruined our Tulip bed for this year, near, but they made such a 'holler' for them that I could not do otherwise,''

Again, my husband is very fond of Tuberoses. So every spring I buy them by the dozen, plant and care for them, and when they come into bloom I try to keep a bouquet on his desk every day. In the same office building is a brother, who makes a practice of coming in every day and begging the flowers. He has plenty of money, and can buy a stalk of Tuberoses from a flower stall any day for from five to ten cents. Beside this, he has a fine old home in the suburbs, and might raise cart-loads of flowers, if he would take the trouble. Such people dry up all "milk of human" generosity and made one feel simply cross. People who would not think of begging ones gloves or tie, both of which did not cost as much as a lot of Tulip bulbs, will insist on robbing one's pet flower bed.

Brooklyn, N. Y. Maud Meredith.

A SHADY FLOWER BED.

AST year I saw a flower bed made in a semi-shaded location, which was so pretty that I am tempted to describe it, as it could easily be duplicated by others whose available yard room is wholly or partially in shade, and who think they are debarred from cultivating flowers for that

This one was in the form of a "rainbow" bed, and bordered a path which was shaded by two magnificent elms. It was arranged so that there was a succession of bloom, from early spring until frost. Indeed, after the frost had made numerous visits there

were still flowers.

When the first bird notes were heard, the first flowers of the succession appeared, the brave little Crocuses, in white, orange, and royal purple. After these had their day come Hyacinths in all their waxen beauty and charming coloring, set so that their varied hues of mauve, delicate and deep pink and rose, deep violet and white, offset each other. Next came Tulips, when the full spring was at its height, and emerald turf and green leaves intensified their charms. Still later the regal Fleurde-lis ran their scale in the gamut of color, to be succeeded in turn by Tuberous Begonias, the last of the list. These in white, golden yellow, coral and richest scarlet, made the bed gay through the summer with their great waxen flowers, and sheltered by the overhanging trees, continued to bloom during several of Jack Frost's preliminary visits, succumbing only when the hard freezing came.

Florence Sterling.

Delaware Co., N. Y.

[Note.—The hardy bulbs mentioned will bloom well the first year after planting in a shady place, but they mostly soon lose their vitality and die out. The hardier Narcissus are more tenacious and enduring. Such native plants as white and blue Meadow Violets, Trilliums, Anemones, Iris variabilis, Phlox maculata and Gentiana Andrewsi will prove lasting and satisfactory. Of garden plants Vinca Minor, Lily of the Valley, Iris florentina, White Day Lily, Kerria Japonica and Hydrangea paniculata will live for years and keep up a display throughout the season. A beautiful native vine for a densely shaded place is Adlumia cirrhosa, which climbs and blooms the second year from seeds then dies. For a season's display, however, the bulbs mentioned by our esteemed correspondent will be found satisfactory if properly grouped and cared found satisfactory if properly grouped and cared for.-ED.]

Wintering Gloxinias.—I will tell you how I treat Gloxinias to keep them over winter and have them for future use. In the fall, when I bring in my plants, I bring the Gloxinias in also, and give them a back seat on the flower stand, watering them a little occasionally. Treated in this way they start to grow of their own sweet will. I have had them start by the 15th of December, while I have never had one to grow treated in the old way. Kirbyville, Mo.

FERNS.

TERNS have always been quite a favorite with me, and I have been very successful in growing them, both indoors and out.

A bed shaded by a live oak that grew more shady each year was turned into a fern bed. At the back were tall, native evergreen Ferns; the front was bordered with Maidenhair "Cuneatum."

There were sixteen varieties of native, and more than twenty greenhouse Ferns, including Adiantum Farleyense. They were left in the ground all winter; cold spells I covered them (the tender ones) with Spanish moss, which is light and When the mercury dropped as low as 18° above zero they were covered with In the spring they came up carpet, etc. more vigorous than those at the florist's.

Everyone who has a shady place should have a bed of Ferns. Native Ferns can be collected any time of year, provided they are not allowed to get dry. The fronds will wither, and should be cut off; new

ones will soon start up.

At present I have not a good shady place for them, and cannot use greenhouse Ferns; but I have a fine bed of native Ferns of various kinds, and the bed is greatly ad-

As pot plants, I have various kinds, of Maidenhair, Boston Fern, Pierson's, Anna

Foster, the Staghorn, and others.

One of the uncommon ones is Polypodium aureum, the golden Polypody, a native of central and southern Florida, growing on the Live oak and Palm. Its height is two feet, the fronds are large, the division wide, but all ruffled and wavy, which gives them

a graceful look.

The oddest one I have was sold me as a Its Japanese Walking Maidenhair Fern. form is much like the Sword Fern. fronds are less than two inches wide, and the leaflets are the Maidenhair form. When the frond is 12 inches long a new plant starts at the end, whether it touches the earth or not. The fronds also produce spores, and little plants grow on the leaflets; so it is well equipped to get on in life. Duval Co., Fla., July 9, '06. Mrs. W. S.

Swainsonia.—I think the red Swainsonia is the most disappointing plant I ever purchased. It grew and grew, with no sign of blooming, for an entire year. I bought it because of its much lauded free-

blooming qualities.

Then the blossoms were small, pale, dull magenta colored, two or three scattered along a spike, nothing like the catalogue description at all. Maybe I didn't treat it right, but I got rid of it as soon as I could, and I don't want any more of them. The Swainsonia is on my "black list." Miss L. S.

Hot Springs, Ark., Aug. 5, 1906.

THE TRUMPET VINE.

HE other day I saw a tall old treestump adorned in a very simple and beautiful way. A dead tree had been sawed off about eight feet from the ground, and at the foot of the stump was planted an old-fashioned Trumpet Vine which completely covered the old pillar, and on examining it more closely I found the vine bound fast to its support with wire running round and round; the vines reached out from the top of the stump like an umbrella, covered with flaming trumpet blossoms, and as I watched and admired there came a pair of humming birds to a feast pre-pared for them. You may always be as sure of these dainty visitors if you own a Trumpet Vine, as you may be of little wild canaries if you have sunflowers in your back yard. By all means have a Trumpet Vine. They are common everywhere. You can buy them of a florist, and he will call them Bignonia, or you can beg one of any old grandmother in your neighborhood, who has a garden. They grow wild in our country, and right now I have one marked where it grows along a bank, and a little later this fall I will transplant it to my new home, which is as yet without flowers and shrubs of any kind. May Woodside. Woodside Park, Mo., Sept. 22, 1906.

[Note.—Grown as described the Trumpet Vine appears as a weeping tree or umbrella. The flowers are succeeded by immense bean-like pods which hang on until spring. The cultivated vine North is Tecoma radicans, sometimes called Bignonia radicans. It is a native of the Southern States, and climbs by throwing out moist, aerial rootlets, which climbs by throwing out moist, aerial rootlets, which become glued to the support, holding the vine firmly. Another Trumpet Vine found in moist woods or along streams in the South is known as Bignonia capreolata. Its flowers are not so much tapered, and not so long as its relative, and its leaves are terminated by branched tendrils by which the vine clings. Both of these native vines are desirable, and are hardy in the Northern States, when protected by a wall or building. Their flowers are orange or orange-scarlet, showy and continuously produced.-ED,]

Growing Cotton.-One who wishes to grow cotton at the North, that its plants may be something of a curiosity, can sow the seeds in the spring, in rich earth, about one inch deep. It will grow out of doors from June until September, but will compare unfavorably with the cotton plants grown in their native South.

Alice May Douglas. Sagadahoc Co., Me., June 18, 1906.

A Case for Pressed Flowers.—A case in which to keep cards on which are pressed flowers can be made of two pieces of cardboard covered with plush, silk or decorative paper of any kind desired. The flowers can be pressed in old books and mounted on cards by means of adhesive Alice May Douglas.

Ŝagadahoc Co., Me., June 18, 1906.



DECEMBER.

December's skies are gray, I know, December's nights are long, Her leas are white with drifted snow, Where rang the robin's song. But there's a vintage in the air, That thrills my soul like wine To forward press,-to do and dare, And make the whole world mine.

December's winds are chill I know, December's storms are wild. But as I through them, stamping go, I seem the tempest's child. With heart as brave, and soul as strong, My courage shall not fail, And sweeter than the phoeba's song.
The piebroch of the gale.

December's days are short I know, December's paths are white, But O! upon untrodden snow The glory of the night. Like viking of another age, I lift my fearless brow, To peer of storms, howe'er they roar. I stand a freeman now. Bradford Co., Pa., Nov. 1, 1906. L. M. Annable.

TO A RED ROSE.

Scientists, dear rose, declare That the royal red you wear Is but borrowed of the sun, And is lost when day is done.

Say if we, when sunbeams flee, In the darkness you could see As you then are, we would know You have lost your crimson glow,

Lost it till approach of day Slowly drives the dark away, When your daily dress you don, Putting your bright colors on.

But last night my feet you drew By your fragrance sweet to you, And I pressed you to my lips Softly as the night-moth sips,—

Saying: "Dearest, I believe Wiser men would but deceive Us who love you, for I'm sure In the dark your hues endure!

"I believe that as none may Where you found your fragrance say, So may none tell truly where You secured your colors fair.

'If your fragrance you can store, To retain when day is o'er, You can keep your lovely hue-'Tis an innate part of you.'

Margaret A. Richard. Newberry, S. C., Aug. 8, 1906.

TO A MAINE FRIEND.

When the first songster, with his song, comes flooding

With unaccustomed joy your northern air.
Say in your heart, to one who wantons Southward,
"Your empty nest hangs waiting for repair."
Ina Lord McDavitt.

Vineland, N. J.

THE SNOW BIRD.

A bright little snow bird, was hopping around, One cold winter's day on the snow-covered ground. He was anxiously searching for food 'neath a tree, Yet all the time singing his chick-a-dee-dee.

I opened the window, more plainly to hear, The sweet, thrilling notes of his bird-song, so clear, As a token of courage, it sounded to me, As he cheerfully warbled his chick-a-dee-dee.

He seemed to be happy, yet 'twas pitiful too, To be searching for food, in the cold and the snow. His little bare feet seemed half frozen, to me, But still he kept singing his chick-a-dee-dee.



You dear little snow-bird, Oh! where do you go, When the fields and the forests are covered with snow?

When the cold chilling blasts of the stern winter's beat, Oh! how do you manage to find food to eat?

You dear little songster, Oh! tell me I pray, What you do to enliven the long winter's day? If you'll stay here with me, while the winter winds blow,

I'll feed you till spring, and will then let you go. "I thank you dear lady, your intentions are kind,
But the the storms that you dread so, I don't seem
to mind;"

I can stand the chill breezes, if happy and free."
And he sweetly repeated his chick-a-dee-dee.



'When the tempest is raging, I hide from the storm. In some snug, quiet refuge, so cozy and warm.
But when the sun shines, then I come here, you see,
To pick up the crumbs that you scatter for me."

"There is plenty of food that the wise bird can find, On the choicest of morsels, in the winter I dine. Where the bugs hide the thickest, you'll often find

Busy, yet singing my chick-a-dee-dee."

"When I find a fat grub, Oh! I tell you its prime, So don't worry for me, for you're wasting your time.'

time."
Then casting his merry, bright eyes 'round at me,
He flew away warbling his chick-a-dee-dee. *Ellen Kent.*



A HOME DECORATED WITH MAURANDYA VINES.

THERE is no reason why a home should appear bare and unattractive when an investment of three cents in Maurandya seeds will transform porches into bowers of beauty, and impart that cozy, comfortable, inviting appearance which elicits our admiration and praise. It was just such a diminutive outlay, combined with the skill and taste of its owner, that gave to the home of Anna E. Shank, illustrated above, its attractive and graceful aspect. With the photograph of the home received by the editor, came the following note:

Mr. Editor:—With this I send you a picture of my home decorated with Maurandya Vines. The plants were all raised from a three-cent packet of seeds sown in the spring, Now they are a dense mass of delicate foliage, bedecked with the graceful and beautiful little flowers, swaying in the breeze on their slender stems like fairy bells. The above is the east and south side of the house. I wish I could show you the other side, which is also beautiful with the vines. I think if the flower folks who read the Magazine could see the beauty of these vines they would be sure to get seeds of it the coming season. There are no dead leaves, and the vines are covered with the purple bloom all the time. I give them good support and plenty of water, and that is all the care they require. They retain their beauty until after severe frosts, and are always admired.—Anna E. Shank, Ogle Co., Ill., Nov. 2, 1906.

Our correspondent is not too enthusiastic over the beauty and capabilities of Maurandya. It is one of the vines too sparingly grown. In the above illustration there are some path-groups of shrubbery, as Spireas, Deutzias and the Corcorus Rose, which retain their foliage till the early snows of winter. These do their part in giving life and richness to the scene; but the vines constitute the chief decorative element and should be allowed the credit to which by merit they are entitled.

Pittosporum Tobira.—This half-hardy Japanese shrub is not well-known, although a worthy subject for the window garden. It is hardy South, and will grow twelve fee high, bearing elegant evergreen foliage, and a crop of exquisitely fragrant pure white flowers every season. Mrs. Wildman, of Oklahoma, finds this one of her most appreciated plants, and writes of it as follows:

Mr. Editor:—In my plant collection I have Pittosporum Tobira, which I value very highly. It is beautiful. The flowers generally appear in February or March, are lovely white in color, and deliciously sweet in fragrance. I know of no other plant like it in the whole country, and every person who sees it in bloom exclaims "Oh, how sweet!" It deserves to be better known.—Mrs. J. Wildman, Piedmont, Okla., Sept. 19, 1906.

There are several other species of Pittosporum, but the one referred to is perhaps

the most desirable of the lot. It is easily grown, and needs only liberal pot room, rich, porous soil, partial shade and to be watered freely while growing and blooming.



TREE ALFALFA.

HIS splendid drought-resisting plant does wonderfully well on the poorest soil, and is invaluable in the hottest districts of California. It grows luxuriantly all the year around, and should be largely grown by every land owner. It grows very quickly from seeds, the young plants being ready to set out in two or three months after sowing, or as we prefer it, sowing the seeds with a drill in rows where wanted to grow. It flowers second year and produced pure white flowers, foliage deep green, which gives the tree a very ornamental appearance. It makes an excellent hedge plant in three years. It can be trimmed to any height required or can be left to grow at will for shelter. It is one of the best honey plants in early spring. Single trees grow twenty-five feet high, and are very ornamental. Horses, cattle and other farm stock are fond of it, and thrive exceedingly well upon it. Stock may be turned on to it after the second year; it will then stand any amount of feeding off. It stands heavy frosts, but will not stand long if planted on wet ground. The seeds germinate quicker if scalded twelve hours before sowing.

El Dorado Co., Cal. S. L. Watkins.

The California Poppy.—One of my most satisfactory flowers the past season was Eschscholtzia, or California Poppy. Unlike the common Poppy, it does not drop its petals, but closes them at night, opening them again the following morning. The



feathery foliage is something like that of Cosmos, only a lighter green. The flowers are orange, yellow, rose and white, both double and single. When cut they make lovely bouquets which last nearly a week if cut when they

first open. The foliage also would be beautiful to mix with the flowers, but it wilts or shrivels as soon as put in water.

From seeds sown in the open ground, I picked my first blossom July 3rd, just 48 days from time of sowing. This is another point in its favor, viz: earliness of blooming. Sow very thinly in the open ground, as they will not bear transplanting. When they get too large and scraggy-looking the ends of the branches may be cut back with benefit to the plants. Mabel Van Drizee. chuyler Co., N. Y., Aug. 17, 1906.

ANHALONIUM SULCATUM.

HIS most interesting plant was ordinarily brought to the attention of botanists by Prinde Salm-Dyck about 1850. Lamaire, about the same time, named it Anhalonium Kotchubeyanum, after the Russian Minister of the Interior.

Lamaire relates that but two plants were at his time to be had in Paris, and they sold at 1,000 francs each (about \$200). After that the plant entirely disappeared, until a few years ago, when new specimens were discovered in Mexico. The general structure of the plant reminds one of Anti-Anhalonium fissuratum, but the tubercles are much smaller, the upper surface of which is triangular, with a deep groove in the center. This and also the inner margin of the tubercles, are covered with a short, soft, whitish-yellow wool. This is especially abundant in the center, which is a somewhat depressed part of the plant. A full-grown specimen measures 2½ inches in diameter, has a thick, turnip-shaped root, from which numerous rootlets spring around the sides and at the apex. flowers issue from the centor of the plant. Sepals five very thick, the upper third bifurcated, deeply grooved, the grooves running diagonally from the outer edge toward the middle; petals 13, narrow at the base, widening toward the end, with lance-shaped tips. Color, purplish-red, odorless; stamens yellow, numerous; stigma white. Flowers when fully expanded are two inches in diameter. They open in the morning and are only entirely open in the middle of the day, and when exposed to intense sunlight, closing in the afternoon, they do not again open. Chicago, Ill., Feb., 10, 1906.

new Gladiolus Hybrids have a single fault in comparison with other bulbs, like a foolish mother over a wayward child, I seek to cover those faults from the eyes of others who do not admire them as I do. I do not use them as a show bed on the lawn, but planted in masses at the rear of the lawn, they make a background from the road not to be equaled in their season of bloom. The choice, immense blooming varieties I make a practice of cutting as soon as the first flowers on the spike open, and each blossom opens perfectly to the end of the spike in water. This method avoids any damage that rain and wind might do, and does away with staking. While the bulb then makes growth, and matures for the next year with more strength than if it perfected blooms and seeds too, as I see many left. Planted in clean straight rows I cannot call the erect

stiff foliage unsightly at any time of the

season, and the blooms, the colorings, and

Gladiolus .-- I do not like to admit that the

markings are truly wonderful. Mrs. F. Sheboygan Co., Wis.

A SUCCESSFUL ROSE BED.

BED six feet square was marked out, and the clay removed to the depth of twenty inches. This was filled more than half full with fresh, unfermented stable manure, and the remaining space almost filled with fine clay; then came a thick layer of fine, well-decayed fertilizer; over this a package of sulphur was hoed in, to prevent spotted leaves and blight; and a top dressing of Paris Green, sifted lightly to discourage chewing insects. The roses were set after sundown, and well watered. A tidy little fence of wire netting was added to the bed. Cheesecloth was pinned over the netting in the morning, to prevent wilting, and used through the summer in hot, dry, weather. In watering I drew away the surface soil from each bush, then replaced it. When there came a hard. soaking rain I covered the bed with lawn clippings to preserve the moisture. An infusion of bitter Quassia syringed frequently over and under the foliage discouraged the insects. Although they often attempted it, I did not allow the roses to bloom until they had grown stocky and strong. When they were finally permitted to bloom they yielded beautiful flowers with increasing

abundance all through a dry, dusty Fall. Jane Bullard Wing.

Champaign Co., Ohio.

Petunias.—Amateurs who want flowers that will blossom without ceasing should plant Petunias, both double and single-in fact anything that goes by the name of Petunia will more than repay anyone for their trouble. I raise them each year, and feel as if I could not keep house without them. There is a great variety of kinds and I have tried them all. But last season experience would have a tendency to cause me, in future, to plant nothing but the best double seed. In that way one is sure to have both double and single varieties, for only thirty of forty per cent. will come double; but the balance will be the grandest fringed, fluted, and of the largest possible size, and of all colors imaginable. I never saw any such lovely colors before. I have planted the California Ruffled Giants several years, but they could not equal those I raised from choice double seeds. And those that were double were simply grand. Some were as large as a tea-cup, and as round as a ball, and had a new color (at least to me), as there was quite a distinct green color in some of them which made them look odd. One great thing in favor of Petunias is that they commence to bloom early and continue until killed by hard frosts, and you are not obliged to keep them picked so that they will continue to bloom. Plant freely of Petunias, of some sort, and you will never be without flowers. This is my experience.

Essex Co., N. Y.

F. L. Cowen.

IN THE SIERRAS.

THEN one is moving about a good deal and unable to have a flower garden it is most gratifying to live in a place where all out of doors is a vast garden of beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers as it is here in the mountains. We are about 5,000 feet above sea level and thirty miles from the summit on a straight line and thirty miles from a railroad, but the stage comes in every day from Nevada City and we do not feel at all isolated.

The snow fall is only about four feet, but they used to expect ten or twelve feet every winter; but of late the winters have been much milder. However, the summers are beautiful and the air is fragrant with the odors of the forest. For more than two months we have lived out of doors with the squirrels and birds among the pine, cedar, spruce and fir trees, and Chapparel and Manzanita shrubbery. The quails have nested all about us, and one day a young quail walked close by me as I sat reading. At short distances along the trails we find burrows they have made by frequent dusting, giving evidence of their presence to the hunter, but we have never harmed one of them.

The wild flowers we find all about us. The Azaleas with their lovely fragrant flowers, are very common. There are red and yellow Columbines, red Primroses, Iris, Heather, wild Roses and beautiful white Lilies growing on stems four or five feet high, reminding one of the Speciosum Album Lily. There is one dainty white flower called the "Snow-flower." shape and formation of florets much like a Hydrangea, but much smaller. It is as fragile as it is beautiful, and when removed

from its snow-bed soon droops.

In dark, moist places the Maiden-hair and hardy woods Fern with long, delicate fronds, are discovered. There are purple Asters, Phlox and showy red and scarlet flowers that we do not know the names of. We do not have all these flowers at once: from early spring new ones come and go in a procession of beauty and fragrance.

Ella L. Layson. Graniteville, Cal., Sept. 10, 1906.

Planting Seeds in Colorado. - Here we have late Spring and early Fall frosts, with little rainfall and much sunshine during our summer months. These conditions make it difficult to raise flowers by sowing seeds in the open ground. But by sowing perennial seeds in the house in February, fine plants may be had to transplant into the garden as early as Arbor Day. With this treatment many varieties will bloom the first year, and after the first season the plants will take care of themselves, with no more attention than they need in other climates.

Weld Co., Colo., Oct. 30, 1905.



STARTING ROSE SLIPS.

UST before the Roses freeze in the fall take off slips that are about half matured. Select a sheltered spot, place the slips in the ground with a little sand mixed in about the base of the slip. The soil must be firmed down well about the slips. Put a glass fruit jar over them. the weather grows colder bank the earth up about the can until only the bottom of the can is to be seen. Let remain so until warm weather in the spring, when it will be found that 75 per cent. of the slips are rooted and growing.

Hardy plants that are just getting started can often be tided over the winter by putting glass cans over and banking the earth a little around them.

Mercer Co., Ill., Jnly 6, 1906.

Hyacinths and Polyanthus.—I use the dark colored, tall Hyacinth glasses. not quite full of water, put a small piece of charcoal in each glass. Put the bulb so the base just touches the water; then wrap the glass in paper and put in a dark, cool closet, or cellar. Let it remain until the glass is one-half full of white roots, and the green leaves and buds show; then take off paper and bring to the light. the roots reach the bottom of the glass and the buds are stationary, I take the bulb from the water, and with a sharp pair of scissors cut off about one-third length of the roots, and return to the glass, will send the buds up, and give a fine truss of blossoms. Of course the water must have an occasional change, and be filled up H. M. Jenks. as it evaporates.

Wayne Co., Mich.

Bitter Sweet Vine.-Mr. Editor:-Growing wild in the woods I found a vine with the enclosed berries literally covering it. The branches had twisted around each other and formed a rope, much like the Wisteria. The leaves had fallen off. The roots ran around near the surface, and were red on the young plants. The vine appeared to be 25 or 30 feet long. Will you kindly tell me in your Magazine its name?

Miss Neva G. Simms. Macoupin Co., Ill., Nov. 7, 1906.

[Ans.—The 'berries' enclosed were of Celastrus scandens, a native vine known as Bitter-sweet. It is entirely hardy, a rapid grower, has dense, handsome foliage, and is splendid for a wall vine or to cover a summer-house. Its clusters of small white flowers are inconspicuous, but its orange fruits are quite showy in the autumn. After frost the fruits open and display rich scarlet seeds. The vine is pliable, and readily twists as desired. It is worthy of culture.—ED.

A CHOICE MARIGOLD.

AST spring seeds of the "Lemon and Orange Ball Marigold" were planted. The plants stand about three feet tall, and are well branched. The flowers are perfect, and have bloomed since August 1. All flower lovers would do well to add this Marigold to their next year's list of seeds. Aunt Susie.

Beaver Co., Pa., Sept. 24, 1906.

[Note.—The marigold above recommended is possibly the African sort, Tagetes Erecta flore pleno fistulosa aurea, often called Eldorado. The plant is as showy as a Dahlia, the flowers being large, globular, of a lemon-orange color and abundantly produced—En] duced.-ED.

A DOCTOR'S TRIALS

He Sometimes Gets Sick Like Other People.

Even doing good to people is hard work if you have too much of it to do.

No one knows this better than the hardconscientious family doctor. working, He has troubles of his own-often gets caught in the rain or snow, or loses so much sleep he sometimes gets out of sorts. An overworked Ohio doctor tells his experience:

About three years ago as the result of doing two men's work, attending a large practice and looking after the details of another business, my health broke down completely, and I was little better than

a physical wreck.

'I suffered from indigestion and constipation, loss of weight and appetite, bloating and pain after meals, loss of memory and lack of nerve force for continued mental application.

'I became irritable, easily angered and despondent without cause. The heart's action became irregular and weak, with

frequent attacks of palpitation during the first hour or two after retiring.

"Some Grape-Nuts and cut bananas came for my lunch one day and pleased me particularly with the result. more satisfaction from it than from anything I had eaten for months, and on further investigation and use, adopted Grape-Nuts for my morning and evening meals, served usually with cream and a sprinkle of salt or sugar.

My improvement was rapid and permanent in weight as well as in physical and mental endurance. In a word, I am filled with the joy of living again, and continue the daily use of Grape-Nuts for breakfast and often for the

evening meal.

"The little pamphlet, The Road to Wellville,' found in pkgs., is invariably saved and handed to some needy patient along with the indicated remedy.'' Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason."

PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.

A MONG othe plants received last June was Phrynium variegatum, and for those not familiar with it, the advice is to procure one and know it. Grown from a bulbous root, the Canna-like leaves are beautifully mottled or blotched with creamy-white, and as each leaf is differently marked there is always a surprise, a delightful one, whenever the new leaves unfurl. The growth resembles a Canna's, and side shoots come, but the stock is more on the flat order than are the Cannas. While the leaves are not as tough as those of Cannas, they are yet firm enough to withstand quite a lot of wind and hard rain.

It is a quick grower. A plant while growing will use lots of water and rich soil to advantage. The foliage is lasting, and is lovelier than you can picture. It is a cleanly plant, and so far no insects have troubled mine. All in all it is a very desirable foliage plant, one that grows in beauty every day. Mrs. E. Clearwaters.

Vermilion Co., Ind. Aug. 10, 1906.

Just One Slip.—From just one slip of a foliage plant that I looked at more than twice last autumn before deciding to bring it in to winter quarters! It certainly was not over three inches high, and only four leaves on. Well, I put it in a salmon can, and pinched it back. Along in the winter it got started, and I took off two slips, and set them in tomato cans, and before long there were two more slips, and I took them off, giving me five nice plants. As soon as it was warm I transplanted them outdoors in a bed 3 x 5 feet, putting the old plant in the center, and the two slips each side. It fills the whole front of the bed with its dazzling autumn foliage, admired by all.

Aunt Ann. Bradford Co., Pa., July 26, 1906.

Geraniums From Seeds.—One spring I sowed a packet of Geranium Seeds and raised nineteen nice plants, ranging in bloom from darkest red to pure white. I gave them ordinary care, transplanting as soon as large enough. Most of them bloomed the first summer, the rest fhe next spring. I enjoyed them so much, looking for each new arrival to bloom, and anxiously watching for each shade of bloom to open enough to see. Mrs. M. D. Smith.

Brown Co., Wis., May 30, 1906.

Rooting Ficus Elastica. — Sever the cutting, remove a few of the lower leaves, place the cutting in a bottle of water, and set in a warm, moderately shaded place. Give no further attention, except to keep the bottle filled with water until the roots appear, when it should be planted in a pot of rich loam.

Nellie.

Mercer Co., Ill., July 6, 1906.

TWO GERANIUMS.

Too much cannot be said in praise of these Geraniums. I am charmed with Dryden, which is a profuse bloomer. The single flowers are a lovely shade of a soft, pure scarlet, with a clear white blotch at the base of the two upper petals. The Geranium Jean Viaud is also a profuse bloomer with large trusses of double pink flowers. I like Geraniums because they are responsive to a little care, and grow and bloom in spite of adverse conditions.

Ada Gist. Mason Co., W. Va., Oct. 17, 1906.

NO COFFEE

The Doctor Said.

Coffee slavery is not much different from alcohol or any other drug. But many people don't realize that coffee contains a poisonous, habit-forming drug—caffeine.

They get into the habit of using coffee, and no wonder, when some writers for respectable magazines and papers speak of coffee as "harmless."

Of course it doesn't paralyze one in a short time like alcohol, or put one to sleep like morphine, but it slowly acts on the heart, kidneys and nerves, and soon forms a drug habit, just the same, and one that is the cause of many overlooked ailments.

"I wish to state for the benefit of other coffee slaves," writes a Vt. young lady, "What Postum Food Coffee has done for

me.
"'Up to a year ago I thought I could not eat my breakfast if I did not have at least 2 cups of coffee, and sometimes during the day, if very tired, I would have another cup.

"I was annoyed with indigestion, heart trouble, bad feeling in my head, and sleeplessness. Our family doctor, whom I consulted, asked me if I drank coffee. I said I did and could not get along without it

"He told me it was the direct cause of my ailments, and advised me to drink Postum. I had no faith in it, but finally tried it. The first cup was not boiled long enough, and was distasteful, and I vowed I would not drink any more.

"But after a neighbor told me to cook it longer I found Postum was much superior in flavor to my coffe. I am no longer nervous, my stomach troubles have ceased, my heart action is fine, and from 105 lbs. weight when I began Postum, I now weigh 138 lbs. I give all the credit to Postum as I did not change my other diet in any way." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."

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Mrs. Matt. Wilson.

Muscatine Co., Iowa, May 18, 1906.

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St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 9, 1906. — Albert E -Albert E. Vassar.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Washington.—Mr. Park:—The Spokane Floral Association is doing everything in its power to encourage the growing of flowers by the children as well as adults, and as a result Spokane has some of the finest gardens in this part of the Northwest. The Twentieth Century Club has taken up as one of the branches of study for the coming season "The Flowers of Washington," which was outlined in an able paper by Mrs. L. F. Williams. The ladies of Primrose Circle of Spokane recently gave a flower contest, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Orchard; the ladies of the First Universalist Church hold an annual show of Sweet Peas; the women ard; the ladies of the First Universalist Church hold an annual show of Sweet Peas; the women of All Saints Cathedral hold an annual Rose Show; Mrs. R. Weil, last spring gave away 10,000 packets of flower seeds to the school children, and offered \$100.00 in cash Prizes for the best exhibits by the children at the autumn show.

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Spokane, Wash., Sept. 9, 1906. Storey Buck.
From Oregon.—Mr. Park.—I want to tell you how much the children and I appreciate your Floral Magazune. It is not like reading some prosy article on floriculture, but like having a chat with real friends who love flowers and plants as you do yourself. The last number (Septemser) seems the best that has come yet. How the children shouted with laughter when we made the little Snow-drop ladies with Hollyhock dresses, as described in your Children's Letter. Here the Snowdrop grows wild under the name of "Buck Bush." The Indians, and some of the old-time white men use the stems for pipe stems. of "Buck Bush." The Indians, and some of the old-time white men use the stems for pipe stems. This is a real garden of flowers. We gathered the first ones February 8th, and they have been blooming everywhere ever since—hundreds of kinds. Purple Asters and Golden Rod are now

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Mrs. W. Anderson.

Jackson Co., Ore., Sept. 7, 1906.

Mr. Park.—Seeing in the June number of our little Magazine a communication from Mrs. John Combe, St. Joseph, Mo., about the Boston Fern, made me want to tell your readers about mine. It has forty-two fronds or leaves, and two just starting. The longest one has had its tip end It has forty-two fronds of leaves, and two Just starting. The longest one has had its tip end broken off some distance, but measures now five feet; another one two inches shorter, with tip off, too, (it is so hard to keep from harming the ends when the plant is in the living room). Several are four feet, and some three feet long, while many are shorter. It has been in the same pot four years, and I have wondered if it should be repotted; it has been doing well all winter and spring, but I notice lately that it seems to be rising out of the pot, showing its roots on the surface of the earth; and it has had a great many runners, most of which have been clipped off. One took root, and I took it out a day or two ago. What would be the best way to repot such a large plant, and could a comparative novice in such business safely do it? I would be very loth to spoil it, as it is a handsome plant.

Elizabeth R. Coale.

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[ANS.—Your Fern should be repotted, in a pot at least two sizes larger than the one in which it is now growing. Use a fibrous compost and make it firm around the sides of the pot by tamping it with a piece of lath. See that drainage is provided, and avoid filling the pot too full. There should be a space below the brim to hold water and insure thorough moistening of the earth. The special precaution in the work is to make the added soil firm. If this is neglected the plant is liable to suffer for water, unless the pot is placed in a vessel of water and allowed to stand until the ball of earth is soaked.—ED.]

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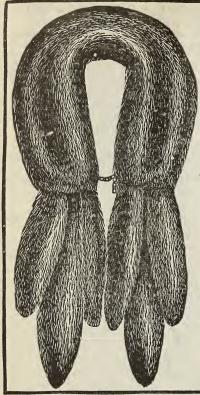




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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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Bulbs for You.—I have put up a little surprise package of 6 bulbs which I will mail to everyone who sends me three testimonials of flowers which they had success and pleasure with the past season. Let them be on any of the flowers grown from seeds. Avoid the more common sorts, so that a good variety may result. They are to be used in Park's Floral Guide. Send before December 15th, not later.

Florida.—Considerable interest has been manifested in Florida lately, and the remarks about St. Petersburg, published in the November issue of the Magazine were appreciated. To enquirers I would say, I am still enthusiastic in regard to the delightful climate and the possibilities of that city. As a winter resort, either for health or pleasure, it is certainly ideal. I would again direct interested persons to write to The Board of Trade, St. Petersburg, Florida, for further particulars. They will gladly answer any queries, and send descriptive booklets, &c., upon application.

The Jamestown Exposition.—The work of preparation for the Jamestown Exposition, to be held at Norfolk, Va., the coming year, 1907, is going forward with much energy, and it is ex-

pected that the buildings, grounds and exhibits will all be in readiness for the opening next spring. The grounds are artistically laid out and are being intelligently planted with trees, vines and ornamental and flowering plants, and the management proposes to have the entire display—grounds, buildings, exhibits, etc., worthy of public attention, and a credit to the State and Nation—all interested in celebrating the first settlement of our forefathers in America. The Exposition will doubtless be a great success.

Spokane Aster Show.—On September 24 an Aster Show was held by the Spokane Floral Association, at which awards were made for the best display of Asters, the finest blooms, the greatest variety, best 25 tall Asters, best 25 dwarf Asters, best arranged basket of Asters, most oriental design, most artistic arrangement, greatest variety of Aster flowers, etc. It is said the competition was spirited, and the affair a great success.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Dear Mr. Park:—Your letter each month to the children is a treat indeed. The morals you set forth are treasures to even adults. Each child here rejoices when the Floral "Angel" comes. Anything good is an angel, and nothing but good comes with Park's Floral Magazine. The timely hints on floriculture are an essential to all flower lovers. With chickens, dogs, etc. to bother, the amateur has a poor chance to educate or demonstrate along floral lines. Long may Mr. Park and his work flourish, is the wish of Saline Co., Mo. Mrs. Mollie S. Hudson.

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Mr. Park:—Your new department, Letter to Children, has already interested my grand-children. They are greatly interested, and put into use many of the suggestions you make. I still love and cultivate the flowers and delight in country life, although I now live in town.

Bessie G. Geoghagan.

Bellingham, Wash., July 5, 1906.

Dear Mr. Park:—Tell Mrs. Martin to give those
Everbearing Strawberries another chance. Here

Everbearing Strawberries another chance. Here in Washington the plants, while not "everbearing" do produce two fine crops of berries.

Last year some queer-looking weed-plants came up in our yard, and having room to spare we let them grow, blossom, and produce their fruit. Then my mother came to see me, and told me I was growing a fine crop of Garden Huckleberries. She had been petting a few plants in her greenhouse that she had bought for a "Grand New Fruit." The berries tasted like green tomatoes.

Mrs. F. VanFossen. like green tomatoes. Tacoma, Wash.

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Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. Park:—I have just been reading in your Floral Magazine, what some one wrote about her Gladioli all changing to one color. Unfortunately I have very few this year, as mine were all frozen a year ago. But I want to tell you about my Hyacinths and Tulips. Every time I take the Hyacinths up and reset them, they show different shades of color when they bloom. This spring there were twice as many Tulips of one color as what I planted. Can some one explain the cause, or is it simply a freak of nature? The change of color, however does not mar the beauty of the flowers.

Mrs. M. J. Michener.
Chester Co., Pa., June 10, 1906.
Dear Mr. Park:—We moved last tall, from Pineville, Mo., and I have been having copies of Park's forwarded; but, lately, to quote the Irishman, "it has come up missing", and so I wish you to change my address, for I can't keep house without plants, and I like to have the helpful letters and advice given in your little book. I moved the plants I loved the most to St. Louis with me, and as they arrived safely and in good condition, I will tell you how I managed. First, I went across to the pleasant home of Mrs. Lors. S. LaMance, who was at that time a neighbor of mine, and pursuaded her to give my plants an asylum on her shady lawn until such time as we could get settled in our new home, and then to express them to me, which she readily promised. S. LaMance, who was at that time a neighbor of mine, and pursuaded her to give my plants an asylum on her shady lawn until such time as we could get settled in our new home, and then to express them to me, which she readily promised, as I knew she was bound to do, for the sake of the plants, if not for me, for Mrs. LaMance would no more let a plant go homeless and hungry than she would a child. And right there my labor ended. When I received my plants after the railroad had kept them on the road for 10 days or two weeks, they were all in good condition, though somewhat thirsty. She and her kind husband had staked each plant, tied securely, and wrapped it round about with newspapers. After giving a good soaking, had packed all down tight into boxes, over which they put another wrapper of newspapers, and started them on their journey. When I received a card from Mrs. LaMance saying my plants were on the way, I began to expect them, and as I waited day after day, I said: "Those plants will be past redemption when I get them," but careful packing had insured me a very pleasant disappointment. Mrs. LaMance has since had the same office to perform for her own plant treasures, for a few weeks ago she lost her husband, Marcus A. LaMance, who died after a lingering illness, and Mrs. LaMance's favorite tree, a beautiful Blue Spruce, and with her daughter, in Stone county. After beautifying their family burial lot with Mr. LaMance's favorite tree, a beautiful Blue Spruce, and with the white lilies and other flowers he loved best, for he, too, was a great lover of flowers, she moved the choicest of her plants and strubs in wagons over land from McDonald county to Stone county, a three-days' journey over a continuous road of up one hill and down another, and she has since written that they all arrived safely. So, of course, her way of moving plants, as well as her other ways of doing plants, is very apt to be the right way.

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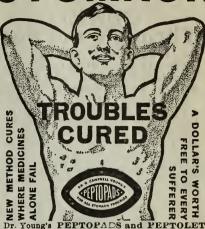
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Essex Co., Mass.

Dear Mr. Park: Llove the

Dear Mr. Park:—I love the country and go to school in the country. I get the head mark prize every term. I take music lessons and my teacher's name is Mattie Hood. I have a little flower garden, all my own. We have been taking your Magazine for three years, and would not like to do without it.

Union Co., Ia., July 11, 1906.

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Interesting letters have also been received from Catherine Higdon; Eva Bishop, who has a pet Canary and a Salmon Geranium; Rosa Simpkins, Canary and a Salmon Geranium; Rosa Simpkins, who has a dog (Jack), a cow (Minnie), and a little calf, (Lillie), for pets; Neva Barndt, who has three pet pigeons, and two kittens, Blackie and Tommie; Bessie Anderson, a little country girl whose mamma has 35 turkeys. (Won't she have a big Thanksgiving dinner?) Margaret Hughes, who goes to school every day, and is a great lover of flowers; May Kobi, whose mother takes the Magazine, and whose pet kitten died; Lena Perry, whose mother has taken the Magazine seven years, and whose favorite flower is Geranium: Gertie Hall, who is in the third reader, and has four brothers and two sisters; Helen M. Shafer, who had a fine flower garden, and found 100 kinds of wild flowers; Maud Reynolds, who likes to read the Children's Corner. Dear Floral Band:—I have several beautiful Coleus which I grew from a three-cent packet of seeds. The leaves of one of the most beautiful measured eleven inches long by nine inches wide. They were the largest leaves I ever saw on a Coleus. Coleus require plenty of water and sunshine, and with their bright-colored foliage they are really necessary among the green foliage of other plants.

Oxford Co., Me.

Dear Floral Band: I have a strain.

Oxford Co., Me.

Dear Floral Band:—I have a jardiniere of Smilax raised from seeds. It grows well during the fall and winter, dying down in the spring and remaining dormant some time, springing up in time to be brought in for the winter. It is a beautiful sight all winter. Last winter it had quite a number of small, white, deliciously scented flowers. I have had it for two or three years, perhaps longer.

Erie Co., Pa.

Lillie Ripley.

Mr. Park:—Last April I bought a three-cent packet of mixed Gloxinia seeds and raised nine plants. They have all bloomed but one, and that is budded. There were no two alike, and all were beautiful—such lovely shades and markings. The folia, e was very luxuriant, completely hiding the pot. The little plants require a great deal of care for five or six weeks, for if kept too wet they will damp off. I have had very good success growing Gloxinias from leaves. They grow as easily as a Geranium. grow as easily as a Geranium.

I also bought a packet of Coleus seeds, and raised nineteen plants, all very fine. One plant deserves special notice. It was yellow, pink and green, the leaves curled and twisted. It is a lovely plant.

Mrs. James D. Frazer.

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Dear Mr. Park:—The Cyclamen interests me greatly. I have a large one raised from seeds planted last spring. They were very slow about germinating; but I did not wonder, when I saw the dear little tiny bulbs pushing up the first leaf through the ground. I find these need lots of water, and want the bulb all above ground. It those who have Cyclamen indoors will remove the soil around the bulb I am sure they'll see a difference in a few days.

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Mrs. Mabele Livingston.

Rice Co., Minn., Nov. 27, 1905.

OUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

White Fly.—Mr. Editor:—Last spring I bought some plants from a florist here in Canada and with them he sent some specimens of White Fly, for which he made no charge. I found that Begonias and Geraniums were comparatively exempt from their attacks, but Fuchias, Oxalis and Primroses were more acceptable to them. I have hen thinking it might be well to use some have been thinking it might be well to use some plants which they prefer as a decoy to them, and thus make it easier to keep the pest within bounds. What plant could be so used?—F. D.,

[ANS.—Salvia robusta and Nasturtium vines would doubtless answer for this purpose. The White Fly is exceedingly fond of both of these easily grown plants. It would not be difficult to invent some kind of a trap for the pest, using these plants as a bait. Their number would thus be readily reduced, if the pest cannot be entirely eradicated.—ED.]

Hibiscus Moscheutus.—Mr. Editor:—I enclose a leaf of a hardy perennial, to name. The plant appears very late in the spring, usually about the middle or end of June, but makes rapid growth, and about the first of August, having attained a height of four or five feet, begins to bloom. The blossoms are single, creamy white, changing to a delicate pink, and are four to five inches in diameter. As the plant makes a rank growth, it is very showy when covered with these mammoth flowers. The blossoms are succeeded by a seedpod as large and similar in shape to an acorn.
Mrs. H. V. Evans.
Saint Joseph Co., Mich., July 26, 1906.

[ANS.—The plant described is t hat of a variety of Hibiscus Moscheutus, a native plant that grows freely in the salt marshes along the New Jersey sea coast. It is a hardy, tenacious, free-blooming plant opening its flowers during the summer. It is a herbaceous perennial well-deserving of culture.—ED.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Primrose Hibiscus.—Mr. Park:—Last year I bought some seeds of the Giant Primrose Hibiscus. Two of the plants raised I kept in the house during the winter, and set them in a flower bed this spring. Now they are a lovely sight with their pale yellow blossoms, as large as saucers. Please tell me if they are hardy here in Michigan. Will they stand our winter with protection, or shall I put them in the cellar? They are too large for house plants, but did well in the house last winter. Mrs. H. V. Evans. Saint Joseph Co., Mich., July 26, 1906.

[ANS.—You had better cut the tops back. lift and

[Ans.—You had better cut the tops back, lift and pot the plants, and keep them, partially watered, in a frost-proof place during winter.—ED.]

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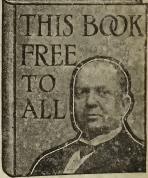
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